

SENATE BILL 4002

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36;
Title 37; Title 55 and Title 71, relative to child
support.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-2-322, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

In any case in which a child is receiving assistance under a state program funded under the Social Security Act, Title IV-A, including, but not limited to, temporary assistance as provided under title 71, chapter 3, part 1, and the payment of support for such child is overdue, then, the department of human services may issue an administrative order, directing an individual who owes overdue support to such a child to pay the overdue support in accordance with a plan for payment of all overdue support, to engage in work activities, as otherwise required and defined by the provisions of § 36-5-113, or to participate in any approved job training programs.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-104, is amended by adding a new subsection (e):

(e) The court shall have the discretion to require an individual who fails to comply with the order or decree of support and maintenance to participate in any approved job training programs for a period of time in addition to any penalties otherwise provided for in this section.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-113(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b) The department may also order the individual who is not incapacitated and who is subject to a plan requiring payment of the overdue support for a child receiving

assistance under a state program funded under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act, including, but not limited to, temporary assistance as provided under title 71, to engage in work activities as required under § 71-3-154 or to participate in any approved job training programs.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.